



H.R. 2559 – First Higher Education Extension Act of 2007

Floor Situation

H.R. 2559 is being considered on the floor under suspension of the rules and will require a two-thirds majority vote for passage. This legislation was introduced by Representative George Miller (D-CA) on June 5, 2007, and has not been considered by any committee.

Summary

H.R. 2559 extends the Higher Education Extension Act of 2005 (PL 109-81) through October 31, 2007; it currently is set to expire on June 30, 2007.

Background

The Higher Education Act of 1965 was part of President Lyndon Johnson's Great Society domestic agenda. The goal of this Act was "to strengthen the educational resources of our colleges and universities and to provide financial assistance for students in postsecondary and higher education."

The Higher Education Act authorizes the federal government's student aid programs to support postsecondary education attendance. It also authorizes other major programs such as those providing assistance to special groups of Institutions of Higher Education and support services to enable disadvantaged students to complete secondary school and enter and complete college.

The Higher Education Act of 1965 was reauthorized in 1968, 1972, 1976, 1980, 1986, 1992, and 1998. In 2003, many of the programs in the Act were extended through June 30, 2007.

Cost

The Congressional Budget Office has not scored this legislation.

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